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1. Exploitation of Natural Resources:

- Important work is reportedly being carried on in the chrome mines of Rubic and Salinice, as it is expected to increase considerably the quantity of imported food if exports of chromium are developed.*
- Repair work on the fuel tanks of Vlone and the Kosove-Vlone pipe-line has started under the supervision of Russian technicians, who appear to be speeding the completion of these works.**

2. Industry:

Following the interruption of Albano-Yugoslav relations, the work in connection with the construction of a hydro-electric factory near Tirana (which was to use the waterfalls of Mount Daini), has been discontinued; this was due to the fact that, in spite of agreements with Russia, Bulgaria, Rumania and Czechoslovakia, the machinery required had not yet arrived.

3. Foreign Ships in Albanian Ports:

25X1X [redacted] estimated that five or six ships of 6-8,000 tons arrive monthly in the ports of Durres or Vlone, carrying miscellaneous military supplies.
25X1X [redacted] the following ships were in Durres:

- The Russian SS "TCHITAICA" (8,000 tons) unloading wheat and railway material.
- The Polish SS "BORISLAV", unloading flour for the Army.
- One Bulgarian steamship (name unknown) of 6,000 tons, unloading sugar and agricultural machinery.

It was said that, after unloading, these ships would go to the port of Vlone to load fuel oil and stock farming products destined for Soviet Russia. Two months previously the same Russian ship unloaded at Durres an unknown quantity of Army equipment which was immediately loaded in

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25X1X wagons and directed towards Peqin. It was reported that this equipment was meant for the Greek guerrillas. During the unloading strict measures of secrecy were taken; the workers were not allowed to approach the boat, but were replaced by soldiers of the DMP. [REDACTED] added that when military equipment for the Albanian Army had formerly been received, the unloading had always been effected by civilian workers.

4. Concentration Camps

25X1X [REDACTED] stated that the prisoners formerly held in the concentration camp of Kruja had been transported to a camp at Fera Ekams, 3 to 4 kilometers north of Tirana, for greater security. It was said that a nationalist group attempted to free them, but had no success.

5. Education:

- a. In order to fill educational posts only by persons devoted to the present regime, the Government has been gradually replacing those considered "reactionary" with persons who have completed their courses in the elementary schools and are believed "reliable".
- b. In addition to the school for teachers in Gjinokaster with 100 to 150 pupils, a new school was reportedly established in Vlone with 100 pupils of both sexes. Technical and agricultural courses have also been established in different places, and all persons between 15 and 60 years of age must attend these courses at periods which are set up according to occupations.

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the completion of 35 Kilometers of the pipe-line intended to join the existing Kosove-Patok line to Vlone.

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